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SUBJECT: US-UK CIVIL AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS

1. DISCUSSION WITH UKCAA IN WASHINGTON SUGGESTS THAT THE  
FOLLOWING ARE AMONG THOSE ITEMS BEING REPORTED TO LONDON  
RELATED TO CURRENT STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS:

(A) "HALF THE PAN AM BOARD" IS IN WASHINGTON LOBBYING TO  
HOLD LINE AGAINST FURTHER CONCESSIONS AND FOR TERMINATION  
OF SERVICES IF AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED BY JUNE 22.

(B) SENIOR WASHINGTON OFFICIALS ARE NOW INVOLVING THEM-  
SELVES IN THE DETAILS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND ARE INSISTING  
THAT A TOUGH LINE BE TAKEN IN LONDON (THE EMBASSY HAD  
REPORTED TO IT AN ALLEGED BOYD TO SHOVELTON REMARK THAT "THE  
HAWKS ARE COMING OUT OF THE WOODWORK IN WASHINGTON" AND IS  
ALMOST CERTAINLY SUPPORTING THAT VIEW IN ITS REPORTING).

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(C) THE US AIRLINES (WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF THE  
SUPPLEMENTALS) AND THE RELEVANT EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIALS  
ARE TOGETHER IN THEIR DETERMINATION TO TERMINATE SERVICE ON  
JUNE 22 IF AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED.

(D) THE US WILL ONLY ACCEPT A YEAR'S PROLONGATION OF THE  
STATUS-QUO IN LIEU OF TERMINATION IF AGREEMENT IS NOT

REACHED. (WHILE THE UKCAA PERSONALLY SUSPECTS THAT THE PRESIDENT MIGHT ACCEPT A TWO OR THREE WEEK PROLONGATION OF THE TALKS IN ORDER TO APPEAR CONCILIATORY IN AN EVENTUAL CALLAGHAN-CARTER TELEPHONE DISCUSSION, HE STATES THAT HE HAS NOT REPEAT NOT RAISED THIS POSSIBILITY WITH LONDON).

2. UKCAA ASKED WHETHER SUPPLEMENTALS (SEE 1C ABOVE) WOULD CEASE SERVICE ALONG WITH SCHEDULED CARRIERS IN THE EVENT OF TERMINATION. DEPT OFFICER SAID THAT IN THE EVENT OF TERMINATION BOTH SCHEDULED AND CHARTERED SERVICE WOULD CEASE BETWEEN THE US AND THE UK. HONG KONG BUT NOT THE CARIBBEAN OR BERMUDA WOULD BE INCLUDED. (DEPT OFFICER SUSPECTS THAT UKCAA WISHED TO BE ABLE TO QUOTE THIS TO LONDON). CHRISTOPHER

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